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Jordan: Quiet prevailed in Jordan yesterday, but the undercurrent of unrest remains strong.

Antiregime leaders on the Jordan West Bank have announced plans to hold a "popular conference" in Jerusalem on 5 December to "study the national situation." Although this could be a means to convey popular dissatisfaction into orderly channels, the likelihood is that its leaders will use the conference to exacerbate the situation.

Both Syrian and Egyptian propagandists continue to denounce the Jordanian Government. The radical Baathist regime in Damascus has called for the formation of a "progressive front" in Jordan to overthrow Husayn by means of a "war of liberation."

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USSR: The Soviets are having unusual difficulty deciding on the guidelines for their 1966-70 economic plan.

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[redacted] Draft guidelines for the plan were published last February. In April, Premier Kosygin said publicly that it "must be ready in four or five months" for final approval by the Supreme Soviet. However, that body's meeting in August did not take up the plan. Moscow has announced that the Supreme Soviet's next meeting, later this month, will approve only the 1967 part of it.

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Egypt: The government has now agreed to unfreeze the Ford Motor Company's assets in Egypt in return for a bank guarantee of \$1, 150, 000, pending a final decision on Egypt's customs claim against Ford. Contrary to press reports, the Ford plant in Alexandria has not been seized. Egypt's action is related to the recent boycott of Ford by the Arab states and may be a prelude to the nationalization of the Alexandria plant.

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